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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

1. This action is in reply to applicant Request for Continued Examination filed on July 14, 2008.
2. Claims 1, 8 and 15 are amended.
3. Claims 1-19 are pending in this application

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gryglewicz (US Pat No. 6,993,502) in view of Wilmes et al. (US Patent No. 7,313,538 B2).
6. Regarding claims 1-2, 8-9, and 15, Gryglewicz discloses a system and method for processing tax calculation requests, comprising:
 - Receiving a tax calculation request in an industry standard format at a tax engine (Figures 7-9, Column 15 lines 1-55).

- Identifying and resolving customer-specific extensions in the request (Figures 7-9, Column 15 lines 1-55, Column 2 lines 46-58).
- Selecting one of a plurality of tax calculators to handle the request (Column 9 lines 7-42, Column 26 line 48 – Column 27 line 17).
- Translating the request from the industry standard format to a calculator-specific format for the selected tax calculator (Column 26 line 48 – Column 27 line 17, Column 37 lines 25-36).
- Using the selected tax calculator to process the request in the calculator-specific format (Figures 7-9, Column 26 line 48 – Column 27 line 17).

7. Gryglewicz fails to explicitly disclose a plurality of tax calculators to handle the request each calculator configured to calculate a different tax.

8. However, Wilmes discloses a tax calculation system and method comprising a plurality of tax calculators to handle the request each calculator configured to calculate a different tax (Paragraph [0097]).

9. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of Wilmes in the device of Gryglewicz reference to include a tax calculation system and method comprising selecting one of a plurality of tax calculators to handle the request each calculator configured to calculate a different tax, for the advantage of allowing multiple taxing authorities to coexist on a single server.

10. Regarding claims 3, 10, and 17, Gryglewicz discloses a system and method for processing tax calculation requests, wherein the tax calculator is selected based on a rule defined in the database (Column 18 lines 1-15, Column 21 lines 10-43).

11. Regarding claims 5, 12, and 18, Gryglewicz discloses a tax calculation system and method wherein at least one of the tax calculators is for a specific geographic region (Figure 11, Column 26 lines 32-47).

12. Regarding claims 6 and 13, Gryglewicz discloses a tax calculation system and method comprising an update system for updating customer-specific extensions and rules (Column 8 lines 19-53, Column 20 lines 14-30).

13. Regarding claims 7, 14, and 16, Gryglewicz discloses a tax calculation system and method wherein the tax engine resides on a computer network (Column 8 lines 8-18).

14. **Claims 4, 11, and 19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gryglewicz (US Pat No. 6,993,502) in view of Wilmes et al. (US Patent No. 7,313,538 B2) further in view of Sullivan (US Publication No. 2003/0055754 A1).

15. Regarding Claims 4, 11, and 19, Gryglewicz fails to explicitly disclose a tax calculation system and method wherein the industry standard format comprises 3Y4 XML.

16. However, Sullivan discloses a tax calculation system and method wherein the input format comprises XML (Paragraph [0097]).

17. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of Sullivan in the device of Gryglewicz reference to include a tax calculation system and method wherein the industry standard format comprises 3Y4 XML, for the advantage of utilizing and easily converting between standardized formats.

Response to Arguments

18. Applicant's arguments with respect to 35 U.S.C 102(e) rejection have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faris Almatrahi whose telephone number is (571) 270-3326. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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